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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS IN ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN RECONCILIATION;BORDER  
VERIFICATION COMMISSION

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1. ON AUGUST 15, CHARGE MET WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S  
DIRECTOR OF CABINET NIMY MAYIDIKA NGIMBI TO DISCUSS  
ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN RECONCILIATION. NIMY MENTIONED HIS  
ONE DAY VISIT TO LUANDA ON AUGUST 4 TO ACCOMPANY  
ZAIRE'S NEWLY-RESIDENT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. NIMY MET  
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WITH PRESIDENT NETO DURING THAT VISIT.

2. CHARGE TOLD NIMY THAT USG REMAINS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN  
HAVING RECONCILIATION SUCCEED. WHILE WE HAD NOT  
YET RECEIVED FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (AND COULD  
NOT AT THIS STAGE PREJUDGE HOW WE MIGHT RESPOND TO ANY SUCH  
REQUEST), WE WISHED TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WHICH HAD BEEN

STARTED WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU BY AMBASSADOR CUTLER AND AF/C DIRECTOR JUNIOR. IN ORDER TO PLAN OUR OWN POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION, DEPENDING UPON EVOLVING REQUIREMENTS, WE NEEDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. CHARGE ASKED NIMY ALL INDICATED QUESTIONS PARAS 2, 3, AND 4 REFTEL.

3. NIMY SAID THAT GOZ WELCOMED USG INTEREST AND UNDERSTOOD OUR NEED TO BE KEPT INFORMED. HOWEVER, RECONCILIATION PROCESS WAS PROCEEDING SO SMOOTHLY AND RAPIDLY THAT ANY SPECIFIC ANSWERS BY GOZ NOW TO OUR QUESTIONS WOULD BE PREMATURE. HE SAID THAT THIS WEEK A MIXED COMMISSION OF ANGOLAN AND ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS IS MEETING IN KINSHASA TO DISCUSS THESE VERY ISSUES, AND THAT ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 19, PRESIDENT NETO IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FOR MEETINGS HERE WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU. NIMY TOOK ALL THE QUESTIONS. HE AGREED TO DISCUSS THEM WITH MOBUTU AND GIVE US REPLIES, BUT WARNED THAT IT MIGHT BE SOME TIME BEFORE " THINGS TAKE SHAPE. "

4. IN RESPONSE TO SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON VERIFICATION COMMISSION, NIMY SAID THAT MEMBERSHIP OF GROUP WAS STILL UNDECIDED. HE MENTIONED NIGERIA, CAMEROON, SUDAN, AND RWANDA (SIC) AS STILL ACTIVE CANDIDATES, BUT SAID MATTER NOW UNDER ACTIVE NEGOTIATION. HE CONFIRMED THAT LOCUS OF DISCUSSION WOULD BE OAU AT KHARTOUM, BUT SAID ORGANIZATION PROCESS WAS TEMPORARILY DELAYED AWAITING OUTCOME OF  
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PRESENT BILATERAL ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN CONTACTS.

5. COMMENT: INITIAL RESPONSE FROM CABINET DIRECTOR IS DISAPPOINTING IN ITS LACK OF HARD INFORMATION, HOWEVER TIMING FOR USG INITIATIVE IS GOOD. OUR QUESTIONS AND LINE OF THOUGHT HAVE BEEN PUT BEFORE GOZ DURING EARLY STAGE OF TALKS PREPARATORY TO MEETING OF TWO PRESIDENTS.

6. SEPARATE MESSAGES PROVIDE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON REPATRIATION/RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES AND REOPENING OF BENGUELA RAILROAD.  
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